GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:528
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES UNDER S.S.A.
Gudhe Shri Anantrao;Sharma Shri Madan Lal

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received requests from State Governments for grant of financial assistance for implementation of `Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan`;

(b) if so, the names of States from whom requests have been received during each of the last three years and thereafter, till date;

(c) the details of the financial assistance granted during the above period, State-wise;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the process of sanctioning financial assistance to States under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(e) whether some States have not fully utilized the financial assistance; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (f): A statement is placed on the Table of House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.528 ASKED BY SHRI MADAW LAL SHARMA AND SHRI ANANT GUDHE FOR 3.5.2005 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES UHDER S.S.A.

(a) to (f): The Centrally Sponsored Programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan {SSA} is implemented throughout the country except the State of Goa so far.

A statement showing the Government of India releases during the last three years and the expenditure reported by the State Governments/Union Territories is at Annexure.

The State Implementation Societies (SIS),which are autonomous bodies set up by the State Governments/ Union Territories to implement the SSA Programme, prepare district-wise annual plans and budgets which are appraised by a team of the Government of India. These plans are then approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB} of the Government of India, in which the concerned State Government/Union Territory also participates.

During the X Plan the funding pattern of SSA between the Centre and State/UT is in the ratio of 75:25.

Once the State/Union Territories`annual SSA plan is approved, 50% of the share of the Central Government is released to the State Government/ Union Territory after the PAB meeting. The second instalment of the Central share is released alter the commensurate State Share has been released to the State Implementing Society of SSA and there has been expenditure of at least 50% against the first instalment.

There is now adequate provisioning for the Central share in SSA in the BE 2005-06 amounting to Rs.7159 crores.

To expedite the process of sanctioning financial assistance to States and Union Territories under the programme, Government of India has drawn up a schedule for the meetings of the Project Approval Board in the months of April and May 2005. The States/Union Territories are cooperating with this in order to receive their 1st instalment within the first quarter of the current financial year.